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HIGHWAYMEN SECURED \$2000

Daring Hold-Up of Automobile Party on Pelham Park Roadway New York

MASKED MEN JUMPED FROM UNDERBRUSH

And by Threatening to Use Revolvers Stopped the Car—President of Germania Life Insurance Company Was Beaten Over the Head.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Three robbers effected a daring and profitable hold-up of an automobile party early today, taking money and jewelry amounting in value to more than \$2000 from Cornelius Doremus, president of the Germania Life Insurance company, a young woman companion and Joseph Leary, the chauffeur.

The masked men jumped from the underbrush beside the Pelham Park roadway and brought the machine to a stop by threatening to use their revolvers.

Doremus was beaten over the head and forced to hand over his watch and money. The young woman fainted and the robbers took two rings from her fingers, and the chauffeur was compelled to give up all the money in his possession.

The robbers then darted back into the underbrush, and when the police reached the scene they had disappeared. It is believed that they had an automobile in waiting at a crossroads.

Former Governor Sulzer has broken into Broadway, New York, as a "movie" actor. A film company is advertising him as the star in "The Shame of the Empire State."

DEEP SNOW BLANKET COVERED THE EARTH

Eight Inches Had Fallen When People Awoke This Morning—Fast Melting and Will Help Springs.

When the snow began to trickle down yesterday few expected to awaken this morning to see a snowed earth, but the garment was there to the depth of eight inches, and on the walks it appeared to be eight feet in depth, to those who had to man the shovels. It was after 11 o'clock before the storm ceased, having added another inch or more since morning, and long before that some of the drivers of vehicles had tried out the runners for the first time. But the ground was not frozen and the rising mercury indicated that this fall was for a short time only.

The snow did not seriously handicap transportation on either the electric or steam roads, and three broken feed pipes used for filling watering carts appeared to be the only damage caused by either the cold or the storm.

If this snow goes off it will help fill many of the springs, some of which went dry during the summer for the first time in years and all of which have been low.

SEDGWICK POST TO ELECT.

Officers Will Be Chosen for Coming Year Next Wednesday.

Sedgwick post will hold the annual meeting for election of officers Wednesday evening Dec. 3. There are 50 members left in the post and we want every member present at that meeting. Patrick Fenton, Commander, F. B. Warner, Adjutant and Q. M.

THE WEATHER.

Unsettled Conditions; Probably Rain or Snow, Warmer Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—The weather forecast: Unsettled tonight and Sunday; probably snow or rain; warmer tonight in New Hampshire and Vermont; light to moderate east and southeast winds.

WOMEN LEFT WITH MONEY

Deputy Sheriff Harris Found Rose Brodie, Her Daughter and \$200

HARRY FOSTER OF GUILFORD WAS DUPED

Came to Brattleboro with Housekeeper, but Lost Her and Incidentally His Cash—Foster Satisfied to Get Money Back.

Deputy Sheriff Herbert E. Harris had a long automobile ride last night, but returned to town with \$200 that he had started out to recover if it were possible to do so.

Harry Foster, who lives on the State Road in Guilford, had had in his employ for some time Mrs. Rose Brodie, who had been there with her. Mr. Foster had in the house \$200 in \$10 bills.

He brought Mrs. Brodie into town yesterday, as both had some shopping to do. He left the \$200 in its accustomed place in the house. When he was ready to return he could not find Mrs. Brodie and when he arrived home alone he did not find her daughter at the house, where she had been left. It required but a few minutes for Mr. Foster to satisfy himself that he had not only lost his housekeeper and her daughter, but that he was shy \$200 as well.

He spent some time in making inquiries in the neighborhood and in trying to locate the missing women and money, but without success, and finally he appealed to Deputy Sheriff Harris. Mr. E. Mosher's big car with George Martell at the wheel was secured and at 11:30 o'clock last night Harris started for Foster's house and picked him up.

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MAJOR S. L. SHANK RESIGNED HIS OFFICE

Picturesque Official in Indianapolis Quit Rather Than Face an Impeachment.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 29.—Rather than face impeachment proceedings Samuel Lewis Shank resigned as mayor of this city yesterday afternoon and was automatically succeeded by Harry R. Wallace, city controller. A committee of business men had prepared a resolution to remove Shank from office in case of any further labor trouble in the city and when the mayor was told by labor leaders that a strike of union teamsters was imminent he sent his resignation to the city clerk.

"I feel that I did everything on my part to be fair to both sides during the recent street car strike," said Mayor Shank in announcing his resignation, "but after the criticism that has been heaped upon me by the safety board of the chamber of commerce, I feel that I could probably not retain my position and do my duty to the general public as mayor on account of the bitter feeling that has grown out of the labor controversy."

Mayor Wallace issued a statement in which he said: "I shall do my duty impartially and fearlessly. Life and property must be protected at whatever cost and the fair name of our city restored. Every person has a right to conduct his own business in his own way so long as he does it lawfully and I will not tolerate any interference with it by others."

Mayor Wallace said the police situation is so critical that he will take personal charge of the department for a time. The new mayor has been prominent in Republican politics for some time. He served one term as county auditor and is on his second term as county chairman.

Shank is probably the most novel figure that ever occupied the mayor's office in Indianapolis. He achieved considerable notoriety by his handling of the saloon problem early in his administration. Saloonkeepers who violated the law were taken before the mayor and in many instances their licenses were suspended for periods varying from a few hours to 60 days. One saloonkeeper's license was suspended until he could show the mayor a certificate signed by a minister that he had attended church.

Shank also gained nation-wide fame in 1911 by his fight on the high cost of living. He found that the city market was failing in its original purpose to bring the producer and consumer together, and imported 16 carloads of potatoes, which he retailed at 75 cents a bushel. Potatoes then were retailing at \$1.40, but prices tumbled over night and did not regain their high mark during the season. He also sold fruits, vegetables and poultry in competition with the city market.

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Mayor Shank's attitude during the recent street-car strike, when he let it be known that he did not wish police to ride in cars manned by strike breakers, caused the resignation of Superintendent of Police Martin J. Hyland and President W. E. Davis of the board of public safety. At the first police roll-call after Superintendent Hyland resigned Mayor Shank made a speech in which he said he did not wish the patrolmen to ride on wagons driven by nonunion teamsters if a strike occurred. This statement, it is said, resulted in the beginning of preparations to file impeachment proceedings against the mayor.

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WREN DENIED A NEW TRIAL

Judges Discredit Affidavits Given by Several Brattleboro Men

CASE WILL BE TAKEN TO SUPREME COURT

Prisoner Meanwhile Will Remain in Keene Jail—Cannot Be Said, Judges Hold, that Jury Convicted Wren on Strength of Receipt.

John H. Wren's motion for a new trial on the charge of murdering James Stewart Hamilton in Hinsdale, N. H., last February, which was based on the claim of newly discovered evidence, was denied yesterday afternoon in a decision filed with Clerk of Court Holmes in Keene, N. H., by Judges Robert G. Pike and Robert N. Chamberlain, who presided at the trial. Wren's counsel will carry the case to the supreme court. Meanwhile Wren, who is under life sentence, will remain in the jail in Keene.

In reaching this decision the judges discredited, apparently, the affidavits of several Brattleboro men, John D. Harder, fireman; Thomas M. O'Connor, construction train conductor; Bartholomew T. Riley, brakeman; and Edward J. Madden, engineer. They gave affidavits that on the day Hamilton's body was found the registered letter receipt which later was discovered in the chimney of the house in which Wren lived in Brattleboro was found by some of them and seen by all of them near the scene of the murder. The defense claimed that this proved that the receipt could not have been placed in the chimney by Wren. The railroad men said the receipt was placed on a locomotive to dry and was blown away. This receipt played an important part in the trial, and Wren's counsel claimed that it was "planted" in the chimney to divert suspicion from the real murderer and fasten the guilt on Wren.

In taking up the matter, which was argued before the judges some weeks ago, they state that it cannot be told that the jury convicted Wren on the strength of the finding of the receipt in his chimney. The jury may have felt satisfied, says the finding, that the blood on Wren's clothing and the bank bills in his pocket came from the person of Hamilton when he was murdered, and that it was not necessary for them to find that Wren brought the receipt from Hamilton in order to find the respondent guilty.

Continuing, the judges state that it was "argued" at the hearing that the receipt was planted by the murderer to throw suspicion on Wren, or by some other person with the view to getting the reward offered. They could not find as "argued" and are of the opinion that no one could have taken the receipt from the place it was said to have been lost by the railroad men, the Wren tenement and planted it without being detected. Also, if the judges believed they had evidence the receipt was of the opinion they would have brought the finding and losing to the attention of the authorities. It is hardly credible, the opinion states, that if the finding left no particular impression on the finders they remember the contents of the receipt so definitely.

In conclusion the decision is summed up as follows: "Upon considering the affidavits introduced in support of this motion in connection with the evidence introduced at the trial, and also the arguments of counsel, it does not appear to the court probable that injustice has been done by the verdict, or that another trial, with the alleged newly discovered evidence, a different verdict would be returned. Motion denied."

BOSTON & MAINE CHANGES.

New Schedules and Important Transfers in Effect Monday.

Important transfers from the Southern and Fitchburg divisions of the Boston & Maine railroad to the Worcester, Nashua & Portland division will go into effect Dec. 1. Stations on the Southern division from Petersboro to Contoocook inclusive; from Manchester to Henniker Junction inclusive; and from Manchester to East Milford inclusive, will be taken over by the Worcester, Nashua & Portland division.

A number of modifications of the time schedules of trains operated between these points will be effected for the purpose of facilitating connections. In addition the train now leaving Springfield daily except Sundays at 6:23 p. m. for Greenfield will leave four minutes later, being scheduled four minutes later all the way to Greenfield, and will be extended by that point to Brattleboro, due at this point at 8:56 p. m. The train now leaving Springfield daily except Sundays at 11:15 p. m. for Brattleboro will be discontinued north of Greenfield.

Folders giving complete details of the changes have been placed in the hands of agents.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

"Flyer" Hits Wagon Occupied by Keene Man.

Perley Champney miraculously escaped being killed last night when the "flyer" for Boston struck the horse and wagon he was driving across the Island street crossing. The train was within one half mile of the station but was going at a fast rate. The accident occurred just after dark. Champney was thrown against a telephone pole. The wagon was completely demolished, but the horses were uninjured. The team was owned by George E. Newman and Mr. Champney had just unloaded his lumber and was about to return home. Champney received many bruises, but none appear to be serious.

BETTING FAVORS NAVY.

42,000 Spectators Expected to Attend Football Game Today.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Rain is officially forecast for this afternoon, when the annual football game between the army and navy will be played at the Polo grounds. Some rain fell during the night, but not enough to damage the straw-covered field, and only a downpour at the last minutes could make playing conditions intolerable. Provision has been made for 42,000 spectators. President Wilson and two of his daughters are here to attend the game. The betting odds favor the navy, some money being placed at 2 to 1. The navy went, smothered in gold lace, and the army made, in every day clothes, are in readiness to provide the circus features as a side show to the gridiron battle.

SEWING MACHINE NEEDLES AND SUPPLIES for all makes of machines at J. B. Dutton's, 16 Flat St.

HIGHEST cash prices paid for rags, rubbers, metals, hides, skins and bones. Geo. Gess, 22 Flat St. Tel. office 576-M.

S. ZAR, 78 Elliot, buys rags, metals, rubbers, papers, cash, trade. Best prices. Mail order; I will call. Tel. 209-W, 1st.

MATERNITY cases or patients suffering from chronic illness given good care and pleasant home surroundings at 1 Green street. Tel. 122.

MAPLE TIMBER—We are in the market for hard wood logs, containing maple timber. State location and quantity. Vermont Last Block Co. Brattleboro. 131-1f.

HAIRCULTURE, baldness, falling hair and dandruff cured. Shampooing and facial massage. Georgian Institute, Room 14 American bldg. Tel. 605-W of 365-W. Flora M. Kavanaugh, Mgr. 85-1f.

AT MASONIC TEMPLE.

A regular convocation of Bingham chapter, No. 30, Order of Eastern Star, will be held at Masonic temple Tuesday evening, Dec. 2, at 7:30 o'clock. Business: Initiation. The ladies will meet socially in the parlors at 3 p. m.

FUNERAL TODAY OF IRENAEUS O. P. SMITH

Largely Attended in First Baptist Church—Bearers Were Six Deacons—Burial in Prospect Hill.

The funeral of Irenaeus O. P. Smith was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the First Baptist church and was largely attended. The floral offerings were numerous and especially beautiful. The pew which had been so long occupied by Mr. Smith was marked off with palms and draped. Rev. George E. Tomkinson, pastor of the church, officiated and Miss Mary J. Bane sang Beautiful Isle of Somewhere and Looking This Way. The bearers were the six deacons of the church, Dr. H. D. Holton, J. E. Hall, L. W. Hawley, S. Wilcox, C. S. Hopkins and E. V. Morse. The burial took place in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Mr. Smith's maternal grandfather was Rev. Mansfield Bruce, the long-time Baptist minister at Wilmington, and there remain a half dozen survivors of that period, including Erasmus A. and Horace M. Fitch and Marshall Rice of Wilmington. Ephraim Haskell of Brattleboro and Mrs. Harriet Lamb-Stone of West Brattleboro, who recall the big wood-colored meeting-house with its high, square pews, situated on an elevation at the crossroads east of the present Wilmington creamery and long thereafter the home of Squire Jonathan Witt.

From boyhood, and circumstances the most humble, without the aid of special advantages at any period of his young manhood, he took charge of his father's Wilmington store and was highly esteemed for his courteous bearing and fidelity to right and duty, being simple in his manners and tastes and in every walk of life what a community regards as a good citizen. In his father's absence, supplying pastures in East Dover and West Guilford, Mr. Smith, in addition to the care of the store, had the exacting care of a deranged maternal grandmother, to whom he was singularly devoted. It may be fairly said of him that in every position and activity of life he never failed to prove himself a man of stern integrity and uprightness and faithful to every duty that devolved upon him. His long service with the Estey Organ company is evidence of his faithfulness to his employers.

He leaves besides his wife, two cousins, Miss Grace Lincoln Temple, the well-known Washington decorator, and Mrs. A. Adella Stebbins of Shelburne Falls. To a large circle of attached friends in the church, to whom he was recently devoted, and in the community there is general sorrow over his sudden death, because he was a man the memory of whose honorable deeds will long survive.

MELROSE, Mass., Nov. 29.—William C. Russell, son of the late Daniel Russell, and one of the central figures in the famous Russell will case, died here today at the age of about 65. He had supposed himself the sole heir to an estate of half a million dollars left by his father, until about four years ago, when a man from Dickinson, North Dakota, known as Dakota Dan, claimed a portion on the allegation that he was the long missing son of the testator, Daniel Blake Russell. Later a man from Fresno, Calif., appeared and was recognized by the family as the missing heir. A few weeks ago the courts for the second time declared Dakota Dan an impostor of French-Canadian parentage. An appeal in the case is still in the courts.

DEER SEASON WILL CLOSE MONDAY NIGHT

Many Have Impression that Today Is Last Day—Law Reads Nov. 10 to Dec. 1, Both Inclusive.

Many are under the impression that the deer hunting season in Vermont closes today at sundown, but this is erroneous. The law reads: "Open season—Wild deer having horns not less than three inches in length may be captured or taken from November tenth to December first, after 5 a. m. and before 5 p. m., both dates inclusive, Sundays excepted."

This means that from 5 a. m. Monday to 5 p. m. of that date hunters have their last chance to bag a deer.

HANSON UNABLE TO FINISH.

He and Bolin Each Had Won Fall When Both Went Through Ropes.

Eddie Bolin and Fritz Hanson had a hot wrestling bout in Burlington Thanksgiving day and each man had won a fall when both went through the ropes during the third bout. Hanson complained so much of an injured knee that he was adjudged unfit to continue.

Hanson won the first fall in 46 minutes with a head scissors hold. He injured one knee and the second fall went to Bolin in 11 minutes, using the same head scissors hold.

Bombay averages more than 72 inches of rainfall a year and gets most of it in four or five months.

Several American cereal companies are complaining because their product is classified by the German custom house authorities as "made by a special process" and for such is subject to a high rate of duty.

WAS WRECKED BY EXPLOSION

Large Business Building in Grand Rapids, Mich., Torn to Bits Today

MANY PERSONS WERE BURNED OR BRUISED

Fire Which Started from Cause Unknown Reached Dynamite, Gunpowder and Gasoline in Hardware Store—Women and Children Missing.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Nov. 29.—More than a dozen spectators and a dozen firemen were burned or bruised and cut by flying debris, when a quantity of dynamite, gunpowder and gasoline exploded in a burning building in the eastern business section of the city today. Several women and children were missed after the explosion, and until the ruins have cooled sufficiently to permit a search it cannot be learned whether there has been any loss of life.

More than 40 men, women and children occupied rooms on the second floor of the burned building. The explosion in the hardware store on the ground floor tore the structure to bits, and scattered the debris over four city blocks. The flames spread to other buildings with great rapidity. The occupants of the upper floors of the other buildings were thrown into a panic and in the wild rush for safety women and children were trampled upon. Others frantically and were carried out by the firemen. None had time to dress. Those who escaped were exposed to the cold and were drenched by the heavy rain.

The monetary loss will exceed \$200,000. The cause of the fire is unknown.

CHOPS HIS VICTIM WITH A HATCHET

Mysterious Murderer Killed Another Business Man in Muskegee, Oklahoma.

MUSKEGEE, Oklahoma, Nov. 29.—The mysterious murderer who chops his victims to death with a hatchet made his appearance again today. He has already slain two aged business men and has left no clues for the police to follow. R. F. Richardson, a furniture dealer, was murdered in his place of business Thursday night. Last night C. S. Everett, a grocerman nearby, was killed. Both were killed by the use of a hatchet, and the hands and bodies were terribly mutilated.